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CURRENT POSITION

Since 04/2020 **MZES Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung**
Postdoc Fellow at the Research Department B 'European Political Systems and their Integration'

EDUCATION

03/2020 **Humboldt-University of Berlin**
Defence of doctoral thesis "Retrospective pledge voting: how voters punish government parties for breaking their pledges." (summa cum laude)
Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Heike Klüver and Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels

10/2012 - 09/2015 **University of Potsdam**
Master of Arts Political Science

10/2008 - 09/2012 **Technical University of Dresden**
Bachelor of Arts Political Science and Philosophy

02/2011 - 07/2011 **Sciences Po Lyon, France**
Visiting student

07/2007 **Einstein Gymnasium, Neuenhagen**
Abitur

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

10/2015 - 03/2020 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**
Research Fellow at the DFG research project "Manifesto Research on Political Representation" (MARPOR)
Principal investigator: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels

01/2015 - 10/2015 **WZB Berlin Social Science Center**
Student Research Assistant at MARPOR

10/2013 - 01/2015 **University of Potsdam, Chair of Comparative Political Science**
Student research assistant at the DFG research project "Analysis of the Coordination Regimes in Parliamentary Democracies", Prof. Dr. Steffen Ganghof

04/2013 - 12/2014 **University of Potsdam, Chair of Sociology of Gender**
Student research assistant at ANR / DFG research project "The Metamorphosis of (Gender) Equality", Prof. Dr. Theresa Wobbe

05/2014 - 07/2014 **DWR Eco**, Internship at an agency for strategic communications, political positioning and the development of new business areas in the cleantech sector, Berlin

03/2013 - 05/2013 **Republik Movida**, Internship at an agency for political communication, Berlin

05/2014 - 07/2014 **Maison Heinrich Heine**, Internship at the German cultural institute at the Cité Universitaire, Paris

- 06/2011 - 03/2012 **Technical University of Dresden, Chair of Comparative Politics**
Student research assistant at the DFG research project “Transcendence and Common Sense as Resources for the Construction of Political Order”, Prof. Dr. Werner J. Patzelt
- 09/2010 - 12/2010 **Technical University of Dresden, “Hannah Arendt Institute for Research on Totalitarianism” (HAIT)**
Student research assistant for the republication of “Totalitarian democracy” written by Jacob L. Talmon, Prof. Dr. Uwe Backes
- 2008 - 2009 **Technical University of Dresden, CATI-Labor**, Interviewer (telephone and face-to-face)
- 09/2007 - 07/2008 **Au-Pair** in Paris

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- 06/2018 - 08/2019 **Coalition pledge fulfilment in Germany II, Bertelsmann Stiftung**
Scientific supervisor of a study on coalition pledge fulfilment in Germany (2017 - 2019), in cooperation with Dr. Robert Vehrkamp (Senior Advisor of the Program ‘Future of Democracy’, Bertelsmann Stiftung)
- 03/2017 - 02/2018 **Coalition pledge fulfilment in Germany I, Bertelsmann Stiftung**
Scientific supervisor of a study on coalition pledge fulfilment in Germany (2013 - 2017), in cooperation with Dr. Robert Vehrkamp

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 11/2019 Didactic training: Creative methods of teaching, HU Berlin
- 02/2018 Workshop: Introduction to Quantitative Text Analysis using Quanteda, WZB
- 07/2017 Essex Summer School, Course: Designing, Conducting, and Analysing Social Science Experiments in the Field, Surveys, and the Laboratory, University of Essex
- 09/2016 Workshop: Visualisation in Stata, WZB
- 08/2016 ECPR Summer School ECPR Summer School in Methods and Techniques, Course: Process Tracing Methodology II Evidence and Empirical Testing in Practice, Central European University in Budapest

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Matthieß, Theres (2020): Retrospective pledge voting: A comparative study of the electoral consequences of government parties pledge fulfilment, *European Journal of Political Research*.

Matthieß, Theres (2019): Equal Performance of Minority and Majority Coalitions? Pledge Fulfilment in the German State of NRW, *German Politics*.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Matthieß, Theres and Sven Regel (2020): Wollen wir uns streiten? Zur Legitimität von Konflikt und Kooperation im Parlament, in: Kneip, Sascha; Wolfgang Merkel, and Bernhard Weßels (Eds): *Legitimitätsprobleme. Zur Lage der Demokratie in Deutschland.*, Wiesbaden: Springer VS.

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß and Sven Regel (2019): Rechts der anderen: Themen und Positionen

der AfD im Parteienwettbewerb, in: Weßels, Bernhard and Wolfgang Schrder (Eds): *Smarte Spalter. Die AfD zwischen Bewegung und Parlament*, Bonn: Dietz Verlag.

Lehmann, Pola, Theres Matthieß and Sven Regel (2019): Die AfD-Programmatik auf Landesebene: Immer das Gleiche?, in: Weßels, Bernhard and Wolfgang Schrder (Eds): *Smarte Spalter. Die AfD zwischen Bewegung und Parlament*, Bonn: Dietz Verlag.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Matthieß, Theres: How voters react to party pledge fulfilment: group-based pledge performance and voting. Paper presented at the EPSA Conference in Belfast, June 2019.

McMillan, Fraser and Theres Matthieß: Opposition party pledge fulfilment and voters' reactions.

DATASETS

Matthieß, Theres (forthcoming): Legislative pledge fulfilment in the German State of North Rhine-Westphalia (2005-2007, 2010-2012), Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

Volkens, Andrea, Pola Lehmann, Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel and Bernhard Weßels (2015-2019): The Manifesto Data Collection. Manifesto Project (MRG/CMP/MARPOR), Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

Volkens, Andrea, Pola Lehmann, Theres Matthieß, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel and Bernhard Weßels (2015-2019): Manifesto Corpus, Berlin: Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Vehrkamp, Robert and Theres Matthieß (2019): Besser als ihr Ruf. Halbzeitbilanz der Großen Koalition zur Umsetzung des Koalitionsvertrags 2018, Demokratiemonitor - WZB and Bertelsmann Stiftung.

Vehrkamp, Robert and Theres Matthieß (2018): Versprochen wird nicht gebrochen, Einwurf - Bertelsmann Stiftung, 1.

Lehmann, Pola and Theres Matthieß (2017): Nation und Tradition. Wie die Alternative für Deutschland nach rechts rückt, WZB Mitteilungen, 156, 21-24.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

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| 04/2019 - 03/2022 | DfG grant for the Manifesto Project, fourth funding period 2019-2022 (co-writing of application, principal applicant: Prof. Dr. Bernhard Weßels) |
| 06/2016 | Berlin Digital Humanities Award 2016 for the Manifesto Corpus (with Pola Lehmann, Jirka Lewandowski, Nicolas Merz and Sven Regel) |
| 03/2016 - 03/2019 | DfG grant for the Manifesto Project, third funding period 2016-2019 (co-writing of application, principal applicant: Dr. Andrea Volkens) |
| 09/2012 - 06/2013 | DAAD grant for the Dual Degree Master programme of Free University of Berlin and Science Po Paris (not taken up) |
| 02/2011 - 07/2011 | Erasmus grant for a semester abroad in Lyon, France |

MEDIA

- News
- Faktencheck bei Maischberger: 'Hat die SPD einen Großteil ihrer Koalitionsziele durchgesetzt?', Das Erste, 19.02.2020.
 - Heute Journal: 'Voller Eigenlob - Halbzeitbilanz der GroKo', ZDF, 06.11.2019.
 - Merkel's government delivers on promises, but voters aren't convinced, Deutsche Welle, 19.08.2019.
 - El Gobierno alemán: una gran coalición que ejecuta, pese a su reputación, El Pas, 06.12.2019.
- Podcasts
- 'Minderheitsregierungen', WZB Democracy Podcast, November 2017
 - 'Wie die Alternative für Deutschland nach rechts rückt' (with Pola Lehmann), WZB Democracy Podcast, October 2017
- Blogposts
- Koalitionsvertrag: lohnt sich das Ringen? (with Robert Vehrkamp), WZB Democracy Blog, 27.02.2018.
 - Besser als die gefühlte Wahrheit. Ein Wahlprogrammanalyse von SPD und Union des Manifesto Projekts (with Pola Lehmann, Nicolas Merz and Sven Regel), WZB Democracy Blog, 21.09.2017.
 - Nationalismus, gesellschaftliche Homogenität und Traditionalismus. Die programmatische Alternative für Deutschland? (with Pola Lehmann), WZB Democracy Blog, 08.08.2017.

TALKS ON INVITATION

- 'How voters react to government parties (not) keeping their pledges', University of Gothenburg, March 2020
- 'Promised and broken?', Round table at the Deutsches Historisches Museum (DHM) in Berlin – part of the lecture series 'Achtung Demokratie', April 2019
- 'Operation Minderheitsregierung', SPD Göttingen, March 2018
- 'Germany: Quo vadis?' Political Challenges Brown Bag Lunch, WZB Berlin, February 2018

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Organiser
- 5th Workshop on Research on Political Behaviour in Berlin and Brandenburg (with Heiko Giebler), WZB Berlin, January 2020, Berlin
 - Text Analysis Workshop (with Pola Lehmann, Werner Krause, Sven Regel, and Bernhard Weßels), WZB Berlin, September 2019, Berlin
 - , The Manifesto User Conference 2019 (with Pola Lehmann, Werner Krause, and Sven Regel), WZB Berlin, March 2019, Berlin
 - Panel 'Vertrauen - Währung stabiler Demokratien?' at Dreiländertagung, February 2019, Zurich (with Katrin Praprotnik)
 - The Manifesto Corpus Conference (with Pola Lehmann, Nicolas Merz, and Sven Regel), WZB Berlin, February 2018, Berlin
 - Workshop on Party Mandate Fulfilment at the WZB, November 2016, Berlin
 - Section 'Party Politics' at ECPR Graduate Conference, July 2016, Tartu (with Svenja Krauss)
 - The Manifesto Project User Conference (with Pola Lehmann, Nicolas Merz, Sven Regel and Annika Werner), WZB Berlin, June 2015, Berlin

Presenter	<p>Political Behavioural Workshop - Berlin and Brandenburg (Panel: Responsiveness and Representation), June 2019, Potsdam</p> <p>EPSA (Panel: Election Pledges and Voters), June 2019, Belfast</p> <p>The Manifesto User Conference 2019 (Panel: Representation), March 2019, Berlin</p> <p>EPSA (Panel: Electoral Effects of Party Competition), June 2018, Vienna</p> <p>Political Behavioural Workshop - Berlin and Brandenburg (Panel: Governments, Parties and Candidates), November 2017, Berlin</p> <p>Workshop on Party Mandate Fulfilment at the WZB, November 2016, Berlin</p> <p>ECPR Graduate Conference (Panel: Representation and responsiveness), July 2016, Tartu</p>
Discussant	<p>Political Behavioural Workshop - Berlin and Brandenburg (Panel: Responsiveness and Representation), June 2019, Potsdam</p> <p>The Manifesto Corpus Conference (Panel: Extending the Manifesto Corpus), WZB Berlin, February 2018</p> <p>Workshop: Quantitative Text Analysis in Manifesto Research, WZB Berlin, July 2016</p> <p>ECPR Graduate Conference (Panel: Party System: Stability and Emergence?), July 2016, Tartu</p>

COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATION

06/2019 - 03/2020	Appointed member of the WZB Search Committee 'Director in the Field of Democracy Research'
03/2019 - 03/2020	Elected member of the WZB academic council
07/2015	Organisation of a trip for young scientists at the WZB ('NaWi-Fahrt')

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Winter 2018/2019	BA Course: Democratic Representation, Humboldt-University of Berlin, Language: German
Winter 2015/2016	Presentation of the Manifesto Project's methodology at various classes at the HU Berlin

REVIEWER

Australian Journal of Political Science
 East European Politics and Society
 Representation

MEMBERSHIPS

Deutsche Vereinigung für Politikwissenschaft (DVPW)
 European Political Science Association (EPSA)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German:	Native
English:	Professional working proficiency
French:	Advanced proficiency
Italian:	Elementary proficiency

COMPUTING SKILLS

Statistics:	R, STATA
Other:	L ^A T _E X, Git, MS Office

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